AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

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- 1. (cancelled)
- 2. (currently amended) A seal for sealing a rotary shaft, the seal comprising: a sleeve adapted to be disposed generally coaxially around the shaft and comprising:
- a flange sleeve portion extending generally radially outward from the sleeve;

an outward sleeve portion generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the shaft and extending generally axially outward from the flange sleeve portion, <u>said</u> outward sleeve portion including an endpoint defining an axially outermost point <u>disposed in a first direction relative to said flange sleeve portion</u>, and

an inward sleeve portion generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the shaft and extending generally axially inward from the flange sleeve portion, said inward sleeve portion including an endpoint defining an axially innermost point disposed in a second direction relative to said flange sleeve portion opposite said first direction; and

an outer housing configured to generally surround the flange sleeve portion and at least a part of the outward and inward sleeve portions, the outer housing comprising